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Registry Number } E10978/84/31

TELEGRAM FROM

No.

Dated

Received in Registry

Lord Sowerby  
Washington

6600

22. Nov

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Illegal Immigrant Ship  
Refer to You tel 6547 (E10978/84/31) State dept  
now confirm that record ship is ATR 83 as  
stated - para 2 of FO tel 12084 and not  
ATR 84

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

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References.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1

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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

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Lord Inverchapel  
No. 6600

D. 7.15 p.m. 22nd November, 1947.

22nd November, 1947.  
Repeated to : San José  
Jerusalem

R. 12.30 a.m. 23rd November, 1947.

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IMPORTANT  
CONFIDENTIAL

My telegram No. 6547, paragraph 1: Jewish illegal immigration.

State Department now confirm that second ship is ATR.83, as stated in paragraph 2 of your telegram No. 12034, and not ATR.84.

Foreign Office please pass to San José and Saving to Jerusalem as my telegrams Nos. 4 and 4 respectively.

[Repeated to San José.]  
[Copy sent to Telegraph Section, Colonial Office, for transmission by confidential bag to Jerusalem.]

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Registry Number

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TELEGRAM FROM

No.

Bucharest

Dated

1381

Received in Registry

20, Nov 24

Illegal Immigration

Refer F.O. tel 1315 (E 10528/84/21) Official of American Legation at Bucharest, who asked Kendall to call confidentially inform him (tel. 20 Nov) that agent was most interested in cases of "Pan American" & "Pan West". Further points were discussed re American aid to prevent illegal immigration.

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Tel. Bucharest 1342 24, Nov

8 P.P. Nov. Dec. 5

(Minutes.)

Communications Dept think that the under-phenomenon growth in hand. 3 is "certificates" and are verifying this.

This program was discussed by the inter-departmental Working Party on Jewish illegal immigration at their meeting this afternoon and I submit draft telegram accordingly.

Handwritten signature and initials, dated 24/11

Handwritten notes: "and, of a", "N.A. Dept. a/a"

Handwritten initials and date: "24/11"

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Handwritten initials and date: "L.P. 10/10/2"

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Handwritten initials and date: "11/11/48"

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Bucharest telegram No. 1381 of 20/11 to Foreign  
Office.

Paragraph 3. Gr.undec. read: "certificates"

Paragraph 5. Gr.undec. read: "still".

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT.

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FROM BUCHAREST TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Holman, D: 11.03 a.m. 21st November, 1947  
No. 1381  
20th November, 1947. R: 11.28 a.m. 21st November, 1947.

Repeated to Washington,  
Jerusalem  
United Kingdom Delegation New York.

Confidential.

Your telegram No. 1315.

Jewish illegal immigration.

Official of the American legation here, who had asked Kendall to call, confidentially informed him that the State Department was most interested in cases of the Pan Crescent and the Pan-York.

2. Kendall suggested that such interest would be even more welcome if the State Department could find ways and means to curb American assistance to this traffic. When asked whether A [grp. undec. ? J.] D.C. was involved, Kendall replied that there was no doubt that it was although screened by the Roumanian Red Cross.

3. The United States official then asked whether the withdrawal of [grp. undec] from American officers and seamen engaged in this traffic would help to stop it. Kendall replied that it would be most useful, especially if publicity were given to the fact.

4. Kendall's impression was that the American legation wished to intimate the United States intention to take concrete steps to curb American participation in this trade but was reluctant to make concrete proposals or divulge the steps decided upon to attain this end.

5. The Pan Crescent and the Pan York [grp. undec ? still] at Constantza.

Foreign Office please repeat to Washington, Jerusalem and United Kingdom Delegation New York as my telegrams nos. 151, 68 and 9 respectively.

[Repeated to Washington and United Kingdom Delegation New York. Copies sent to Telegraph Section Colonial Office for repetition to Jerusalem].

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Buchanan

Important  
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Telegram No. 1342

(Date) NOV 24

Repeat to:-

U.K. Del. to U.N. 290  
New York (Planning) No 570  
Washington No 2122  
Jerusalem (Planning) No 2122  
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Code.  
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I. I. P.

Addressed Buchanan Telegram no 1342  
November 24<sup>th</sup> repeated for information  
and saving to U.K. Del. to U.N. New York, Washington  
and Jerusalem.

Your telegram no. 1381 [of 20<sup>th</sup>  
November: Jewish illegal immigration]

If U.S. Legation were to  
inform American officers and crew  
of "PAN YORK" and "PAN CRESCENT"  
that their certificates would be  
withdrawn if they sailed <sup>THEIR</sup> these  
ships to Palestine with Jewish  
illegal immigrants on board, this  
might have very valuable deterrent  
effect

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effect. To withdraw them now,  
however, would probably only  
make individuals concerned  
desperate. At the side of U.S. Legation  
is very ~~2.~~ ~~consider this suggestion~~  
~~not~~ helpful and I ~~should be~~  
~~grateful if you would press~~  
~~as Legation further on the~~  
~~subject~~ hope you will be  
able to hold them to the  
~~at the reported various~~  
~~reasons~~ taking action  
on these ~~above~~ lines.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO.1

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO BUCHAREST

No.1342  
24th November, 1947

D. 9.50 p.m. 24th November, 1947

Repeated to United Kingdom Delegation to  
United Nations, New York No.290 Saving  
Washington No.12127  
Jerusalem (Saving)

IMPORTANT  
CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Bucharest telegram No.1342 November 24th  
repeated for information Washington and saving to  
United Kingdom Delegation to United Nations New York  
and Jerusalem.

Your telegram No.1381 [of 20th November:  
Jewish illegal immigration].

If United States Legation were to inform  
American officers and crew of "Pan York" and "Pan  
Crescent" that their certificates would be withdrawn  
if they sailed their ships to Palestine with Jewish  
illegal immigrants on board, this might have very  
valuable deterrent effect. To withdraw them now,  
however, would probably only make individuals  
concerned desperate.

2. Attitude of United States Legation is very  
helpful and I hope you will be able to hold them to  
taking action on these lines.

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PALESTINE

24 NOV

Registry Number E10989/84/21

FROM Embassy

No. Rome

Dated 1490

Received in Registry 15 Nov 24 -

Illegal Immigration through Italy.  
Refers to tel 2334 (E9800/84/21) transmits copy of note verbale no 686 to my Foreign Office. Stating that Mr Perry is to succeed Mr Ruck as liaison officer and that he be allowed to enter into contact with the appropriate Italian authorities.

Last Paper.

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References.

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8, Ruck. H.O. Nov. 25  
9, H/O Vienna no. 531 Nov. 25

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24 NOV

HIS Majesty's Ambassador at Rome.  
presents his compliments to H.M.P.S.S. for F.A.  
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned documents.

British Embassy,  
Rome.

15th November, 1947., 193....

*Reference to previous correspondence :*

Foreign Office telegram No. 2334 of 1st November, 1947.

*Description of Enclosure.*

Name and Date.	Subject.
Copy of Note Verbale No. 686 dated 15th November to Ministry of Foreign Affairs.	Illegal Transit of Jews through Italy.

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The British Embassy's Embassy, presents their compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and have the honour to invite the Ministry's aid in the following matter. The Ministry will recall that in the case of a recent discussion in London between members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs staff and the Foreign Office on the subject of the illegal transit of Jews through Italy, the Italian delegates expressed the hope that Mr. Cook, the British official who had been appointed to study this question in conjunction with the authorities on the Northern Italian frontier, would be able to continue his mission. The Embassy understood that Mr. Cook later called on Count Lippi and informed him that, while he himself would unfortunately no longer be available for this work it was proposed to appoint another official attached to the British element of the Central Commission for Austria to succeed him in the same function.

2. This official Mr. Perry, who is at present in Vienna will be visiting Rome shortly, and the Embassy would be grateful for the Ministry's confirmation that the Italian Government agree that Mr. Perry may act as liaison officer to the Italian frontier authorities in the same capacity as Mr. Cook, and that he should forthwith enter into contact with the appropriate Italian authorities.

3. On the completion of his recent mission Mr. Cook prepared several suggestions for the improvement of the system of frontier control, the Embassy would propose if the Ministry agree that Mr. Perry, before going to the frontier area, should spend a short time in Rome in order to meet representatives of the competent Ministries, and discuss these suggestions with them. He will also have full information on the latest situation on the Austrian side of the frontier, which will no doubt be of interest, and in particular on the activities of personnel, vehicles etc., belonging ostensibly to certain relief organisations, about which the Ministry have from time to time enquired in conversation with members of this Embassy.

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Registry Number

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FROM

Consul General  
New York.

No.

Dated

Received  
in Registry

17 Nov  
25 -

Illegal Immigrant Ships.  
Transmits copy of letter addressed to W. Menin, Allen  
Washington, bearing conversation with  
Paramunas, colleague about the suspect  
ship at Constantinople.

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BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL  
NEW YORK 4.

November 17, 1947.

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*Forwarded with the*  
25 NOV

*Compliments of the British Consul General  
at New York*

Copy of letter addressed to  
W. Denis Allen, Esq.,  
British Embassy,  
Washington, D.C.,  
dated November 17, 1947.

North American Department,  
Foreign Office,  
London, S.W.1.

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November 17, 1947.

I saw my Panamanian colleague today, and had some conversation with him about the ships in Constanza. He tells me that some weeks ago he wrote enquiring as to the intentions of the operators of these two ships, following up a couple of weeks ago with a letter considerably more severe in tone, and warning that the registration of these vessels would unquestionably be cancelled by his Government if they were used for the purpose of carrying illegal immigrants to Palestine. To the last letter he has had no reply. His correspondence has not been with the New York Agents, of whom he professed to know nothing, but with the lawyers representing the owners, Messrs. Foley & Statt, of 80 Broad Street, his contact there being Mr. Milton James. I know nothing of this firm, but I am having enquiries made in the hope of finding out something about them and the Jewish interests whom they represent. He mentioned that according to information which had appeared in the press (but which I had not seen) ~~that~~ the "Pan Crescent" had been severely damaged at her moorings in the Rumanian port.

I pointed out that from our point of view there was no use in waiting for an actual incident to occur for the cancellation of registration of the ships; it would then be too late and the damage which we were seeking to prevent would have occurred. He therefore promised to follow the matter up fairly soon, and to let me know what developments ensued. I am not by any means certain that without considerable prodding he will be as energetic in his actions as we would like.....

W. Denis Allen, Esq.,  
British Embassy, Washington, D.C.

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like, and there is clearly danger of the New York attorneys entangling him in legalistic delays for long enough for the ships to escape.

He professed to know nothing of the "Colonel Frederick C. Johnson" in Norfolk, and summoned the Vice Consul to ask whether he had had any correspondence or information about this ship, or its reputed owner. The Vice Consul clearly knew nothing, and both he and the Consul General assured me that while it was not certain that application for Panamanian registry for the Johnson would be made through the New York Consulate General, it was more than likely, and they undertook to let me know if any application was made.

The Consul General, Sr. Rogelio Fabrega, has only comparatively recently arrived in New York. While he was friendly and reasonably forthcoming, I cannot say that he was enthusiastic in his reception of me or in his response. I imagine that he will require considerable stimulation from Panama before taking positive action which, at the best, is likely to be no more than a recommendation to his Government, depending on the reply which he receives from Foley & Statt for cancellation.

I am sending copies of this letter to Chancery, Panama, and to North American Department.

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FROM

consul general  
Marseilles

No.

Dated

Received in Registry

18 Nov

25 -

MARIA ANNICK

Copy of letter to consulate, ATACCIO of  
18 Nov informing that, a small steamer has  
just been sold by the French coastguard and is at  
present refitting at Bastia with a view to  
transporting immigrants to Palestine. Her name  
was Maria Annick.

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Copy to Mr. Cohen M.I.S.

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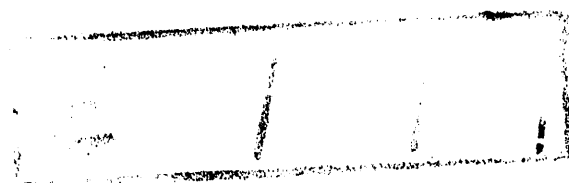
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British Consulate-General,  
Marseilles.

18th November, 1947. 19



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With the compliments

of

H.M. Consul-General.

Eastern Department,  
Foreign Office,  
London, S.W.1.

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British Consulate-General,  
Marseilles.

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10th November, 1947.

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Secret

Dear Ajaccio,

We have learnt from a reliable source that a small auxiliary schooner formerly at Toulon has just been sold by her French owners and is at present refitting in Bastia with a view to transporting illegal Jewish immigrants to Palestine.

Her name was the "Marie Annick". She carried about 125 tons of cargo in one hold and was fitted with a very good diesel engine, giving her about 10 knots.

We are copying this letter to Paris, War Office, Foreign Office and to the State of Israel (Intelligence) etc.

Yours ever,

Marseilles.

The British Consulate,  
Ajaccio  
Corsica.

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TELEGRAM FROM

M. Coates

No.

Van Fore

Dated

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Received  
in Registry

24 Nov

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"GLORIA"

After FO tel 39 (E10928/84/31) (Aukland's concern  
the boats Riven registry of tug "Gloria" but cannot  
trace record under either name given.  
It is just possible that registration documents have  
not yet reached Bosta River. Fear Bosta River  
boat will not be pulling if facts action on possession  
only though they must be prepared to delay  
registration of papers vessel if a fact for matters have  
not yet been completed.

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We are not on very strong ground  
here (see our telegram in E10928) and  
I do not think we should press  
the Bosta Rivers to withdraw  
registration until we are more  
certain that these ships are in fact  
destined for the Jewish traffic.

N.A. D.H. 27/11

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FROM SAN JOSE TO ~~NOV~~ FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Coultas.  
No. 56.

D. 5.55 p.m. 24th November, 1947.

24th November, 1947.

R. 1.00 a.m. 25th November, 1947.

IMMEDIATE.

Your telegram No. 39.

Authorities here confirm the Costa Rican registry of tug Gloria but cannot trace second vessel under either of the names given which read Atrirn in your telegram No. 38 and Torirn in your telegram No. 39. It is just possible that registration documents of second vessel have not yet reached Costa Rica.

2. I fear Costa Rican Government will not be willing to take action on suspension only though they might be prepared to delay registration of second vessel if the formalities have in fact not yet been completed.

3. Foreign Office please pass to Washington.

[Repeated to Washington].

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TELEGRAM FROM

Kord Gwershapel  
Washington

No.

Dated

Received  
in Registry6644  
25 Nov  
26 -

GLORIA and ATR 83

Refer Washington at 6600 (E10978/84/31)  
State Dept inform that 'Gloria' and ATR 83  
are being watched by sea guard, have further  
restrictions of two ships.

It seems clear that State Dept will not be able  
to delay matters much longer. and Costa Rican Ambassador  
feels that question should be cleared up as  
rapidly as possible.

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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Lord Inverchapel  
No. 6644

D.10.00 p.m. 25th November, 1947  
R. 3.35 a.m. 26th November, 1947

25th November, 1947.

Repeated to San Jose (Costa Rica)  
Jerusalem Saving

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Addressed Foreign Office No. 6644 25th November  
repeated San Jose (Costa Rica) and Saving Jerusalem.

My telegram No. 6600: Jewish illegal immigration.

State Department inform us that Gloria and A.T.R. 85 are being watched by coast guard. Gloria's papers were handled in San Jose by Senor Estados of Costa Rican Department of Trade and Commerce and show that her crew consists of three Greeks, one Pole, one Spaniard, two British, six Portugese, two Belgians, one Italian and one American. She is to tow A.T.R. 85. She has sixteen hundred barrels of oil on board, and was granted clearance for Lisbon on October 28th but returned with engine trouble. Ships have been fined one thousand dollars each for failing to report return and offered to put up bond, but Customs refused to accept this (presumably to delay matters), and an attorney intends to visit State Department this afternoon with threat to demand damages for delay. We have therefore asked Costa Rican Ambassador to request State Department to obtain ships papers for his scrutiny at once so that State Department may be able to inform attorney that matter is in Ambassador's hands and thus meet this awkward situation. He has agreed to do this in order to give us and State Department a little more time.

2. Costa Rican Ambassador says that Costa Rican Consul General in New York has informed him that Gloria was bought by Athanasioq, care Maritime Trade Corporation, 44, Whitehall Street, New York, on September 9th, and was granted provisional Costa Rican registry on September 29th for six months.

3. It seems clear that State Department will not be able to delay matters much longer, and Costa Rican Ambassador who has telegraphed to his Government and now wants a note from us feels that question should be cleared up as rapidly as possible. Preferably in San Jose (see my telegram No. 6547 paragraph 3). I should therefore be grateful for your urgent instructions and for further ammunition should you wish me to press for continued delay.

Foreign Office please pass Immediate to San Jose and Saving to Jerusalem as my telegrams Nos. 5 and 5 respectively.

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Registry Number E11133/84/31

TELEGRAM FROM

No.

Dated

Received in Registry

Received from  
Kard Amersdahl

Washington

6647

25 Nov

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'GLORIA' and 'ATR 83'

Refer Washington tel 6644 (E11132/84/11) boats  
Roman Ambassador has now seen attorney for  
'GLORIA' and ATR 83 who says that only former  
has boats Roman registry and that both vessels  
are to be used for salvaging sunken vessels of  
the coast of Portugal.  
Ambassador urged immediate decision.

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DEPARTMENTAL No. 1.

FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Lord Inverchapel. D. 10.15 p.m. 25th November, 1947.  
No. 6647.

25th November, 1947. R. 3.40 a.m. 26th November, 1947.

Repeated San José and Saving to Jerusalem.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Addressed F.O. No. 6647 25/11, repeated San José and Saving to Jerusalem.

My telegram No. 6644: Jewish illegal immigration.

Costa Rican Ambassador has now seen attorney for "Gloria" and ATR 83, who says that only former has Costa Rican registry and that both vessels are to be used for salvaging sunken vessels off the coast of Portugal. Attorney stated that delay was endangering contract for 20,000 dollars and that large sum was having to be paid for each day's continued detention in Charleston.

2. Costa Rican Ambassador therefore requested urgent decision since he thought papers were in order. He was informed that we had suggested to you that matter should be taken up quickly by His Majesty's Minister at San José. He said that he was uncertain whether Costa Rican law permitted cancellation of registry in the event that suspicions were well founded, and while fully prepared to co-operate, stressed again losses which were being incurred by possibly innocent ships.

Foreign Office please pass Immediate to San José and Saving to Jerusalem as my telegrams Nos. 6 and 6 respectively.

[Repeated Immediate to San José and copies sent to Colonial Office for repetition by confidential bag to Jerusalem].



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Washington

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Telegram.

No. 12189

(Date) 26/11

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Jerusalem (Huning) ✓

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Addressed Washington telegram  
no 12189 November 26/44... referred for  
information to San Jose and routing  
to Jerusalem.

your telegram no. 6647 [of 25<sup>th</sup>  
November]

Jewish illegal immigration.

As you will have seen from  
my telegram no. 12034, grounds for  
suspecting "CHURIA" and "ATR 83" are  
not conclusive. We suggest that  
you should ask to inspect  
contact mentioned in your telegram  
under reference. If this appears  
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genuine, vessels could then be released.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO WASHINGTON

No. 12189

D. 2.45 p.m. 26th November, 1947

26th November, 1947  
Repeated to San José No. 45,  
Jerusalem Saving.

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Addressed Washington telegram No. 12189 November 26th  
repeated for information to San José and Saving to Jerusalem.

Your telegram No. 6647 [of 25th November].

Jewish illegal immigration.

As you will have seen from my telegram No. 12054,  
grounds for suspecting "Gloria" and "ATR 85" are not  
conclusive. We suggest that you should ask to inspect  
contract mentioned in your telegram under reference. If  
this appears genuine, vessels could then be released.

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PALESTINE

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Registry Number

E11163/84/31

TELEGRAM FROM

M. May

No.

Marseilles

Dated

191

Received in Registry

25 Nov

27 -

Passenger VENT, PACK  
Refer Paris tel 1033 (E11007/84/21) 'PACK' is engaged on regular passenger service between Marseilles and the Middle East via Genoa, there is no reason to suspect her.

ADDRESSED PARIS 138.

Last Paper.

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FROM MARSEILLES TO PARIS

Mr. Kay  
No. 138  
25th November, 1947.

D. 7.0 p.m. 25th November, 1947.  
R. 6.20 p.m. 25th November, 1947.

Repeated to Foreign Office No. 191

SECRET

Addressed to Paris telegram No. 138 November 25th  
repeated to Foreign Office.

Illegal Jewish Immigration.

E 11227/844

Your telegram No. 1033 to Foreign Office.

"Pace" is engaged on regular passenger service  
between Marseilles and the Middle East via Genoa. We  
have no reason to suspect her.

Foreign Office please repeat to Genoa, Rome.

[Repeated to Genoa and Rome]

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TELEGRAM FROM

Lord Kewerchard

No.

Washington

Dated

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Received in Registry

26 Nov

27 -

Colonel F.C. Johnson  
Re Washington tel 6570 (E10968/84/11) Hahn  
has come with a letter of introduction from Netherlands  
Port Director General of Shipping & Financial  
Board of Netherlands Embassy, Atlas State  
that Hahn is a former Netherlands Consul General  
in Portugal and that he has had various discussions  
with the Port Gen of Shipping about obtaining credits  
from US sources for the purchase of ocean going  
vessels for Netherlands shipping firms.

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9 P.P. P. (on E10963/84/31) N.A. Dept.  
10/11 Dec. 3.

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This telegram was sent before Washington  
had received our telegram no. 12200, which  
contained the instructions asked for in  
this telegram.

I do not think any further  
action is required.

*J. Cable*  
(J.S.R. CABLE)  
28/11

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(Action completed.)

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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Lord Inverchapel  
No. 6667

D. 7.24 p.m. 26th November, 1947.

26th November, 1947.

R. 12.33 a.m. 27th November, 1947.

Repeated to : Panama  
New York  
(Consul-General)

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Addressed Foreign Office No. 6667 26th November;  
repeated Saving Panama and Consul-General New York.

My telegram No. 6570, paragraph 6: Jewish illegal  
immigration.

Netherlands Embassy inform us that Kahn, whose temporary address in New York is the same as Derecktors, has come with a letter of introduction from the Netherlands Assistant Director General of Shipping to the Financial Counsellor of the Netherlands Embassy here. This letter states that Kahn is a former Netherlands Consul General in Portugal and that he has had various discussions with the Assistant Director General of Shipping about obtaining credits from United States sources for the purchase of ocean-going vessels for Netherlands shipping companies. The Netherlands Embassy is asked to give assistance and advice to Kahn. The Netherlands Embassy say that the question of the allocation of funds for the purchase of Colonel F.C. Johnson is at present still under discussion with the Netherlands authorities concerned and that Rotterdam Lloyd will act as agent if the deal goes through.

2. For your own information, they have the impression from his accent that Kahn may be of German or German Jewish origin, but so far as their knowledge goes he is a respectable individual. They consider this to be borne out by the letter of introduction. He was instrumental recently in obtaining five Liberty ships for Netherlands use.

3. I should be grateful for very early instructions.

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TELEGRAM FROM

Lord Kaverlagel

No.

Washington

Dated

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26 Nov

27 -

Frederick C. Johnson

Re: Washington 11 667 (E 11164/84/31)  
Netherlands Embassy has just informed us that  
Kahn was a Portuguese Consul General in the  
Netherlands and not vice versa.

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Please see E 11164

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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Lord Inverchapel, D. 7.21 p.m. 26th November, 1947.  
No. 6670  
26th November, 1947. R. 12.24 a.m. 27th November, 1947.  
Repeated to Panama,  
New York (Consul General)

IMMEDIATE

Addressed to Foreign Office No. 6670 of 26th November, repeated Saving to Panama and Consul General New York.

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My telegram No. 6667: Jewish illegal immigration.

Netherlands Embassy have just informed us that Kahn was a Portuguese Consul General in the Netherlands and not vice versa.

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PALESTINE

Registry Number

E1175/84/31

TELEGRAM FROM

Lord Keverdale

No.

Washington

Dated

6674

Received in Registry

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"GLORIA" and "ATR 83"

Refer Washington tel 6674 (E1175/84/31) (re captioned), having apparently realized she was applying pressure to British Embassy and stated that only contract to be prepared was one from owner of "ATR 83" for towing her to London. He himself was captained of "Gloria" further comments.

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(Minutes.)

I think Washington are letting slip a golden opportunity here. What better excuse could there be for asking the State Dept. to detain a ship than the fact, admitted by her owner, that she owes 50,000 dollars to (presumably) U.S. citizens?

Draft telegram to Washington

N.A. Dept.

*[Signature]*  
L.S.E. CABW

27/11

I agree that the unpaid repair bills furnished as an admirable excuse for detaining this vessel but as our grounds for suspicion are not very strong in this case, we cannot very well reborn the point with the State Dept since the protection of American interests is

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is purely their concern. I think the Embassy, who are clearly anxious to avoid upsetting the State Dept in their present cooperative mood, have done their best to avoid giving the impression of interference by taking the action mentioned in para 4 of this telegram. In the circumstances I suggest that the draft might be toned down a little & have pencilled in some variations ahead.

Stephens

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Agreed BMM.29

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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Lord Inverchapel  
No. 6674

D. 8 31 p.m. 26th November, 1947.

26th November, 1947.

R. 2.00 a.m. 27th November, 1947.

Repeated to : San José  
Jerusalem - Saving

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Addressed Foreign Office No. 6674 26th November;  
repeated to San José and Saving to Jerusalem.

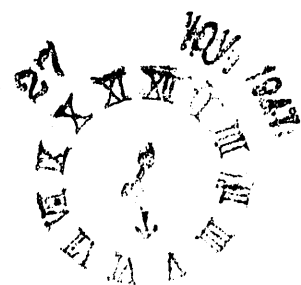
My telegram No. 6647: Jewish illegal immigration.

Athanasieou, having apparently realized who was applying pressure, visited Embassy today and stated that only contract he possessed was one from owner of A.T.R. 83 (named according to him Midakis) for towing her to Lisbon. He said that he hoped to set up towing business in Lisbon for operation of Gloria in Mediterranean on his behalf by some other Captain and that A.T.R. 83, after repairs in Lisbon for economy's sake, might be similarly employed. He himself was Captain of the Gloria.

2. He said that if he did not sail at once ship would be attached in Charleston for non-payment for repairs which amounted to some fifty thousand dollars, and it appeared from what he said that he might even try to slip out to avoid paying bill for which it appears he may have insufficient funds. He volunteered that he had been in contact with Eliades in Sweden, but asserted that he had only helped to repair certain vessels owned by Eliades and had no knowledge of their ultimate purpose. He did not make a very good impression.

3. In the circumstances there appears to be no point in asking for contract, since it would be unlikely to give us any criterion for making a decision. Moreover, if enterprise were innocent, attachment of ship might render us liable to suit and would also embarrass United States Government in view of fact that Gloria already has Costa Rican registry. This would be most regrettable, in absence of reasonably substantial case, in view of State Department's genuine co-operation at the present time. A further consideration is that Costa Rican Ambassador has informed us that Costa Rican law would not permit Gloria's registry to be cancelled without firm proof of illegal activities and that he could therefore not take responsibility of agreeing to more than very short further delay.

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Telegram.

No. 12348

(Date) Nov: 29<sup>th</sup>

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Jerusalem (Pending) ✓

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Addressed Washington telegram no 12348  
November 29<sup>th</sup> repeated for information  
to San Jose and routing to Jerusalem.

Your telegram no. 6674 of 26<sup>th</sup>  
November

Jewish illegal immigration.

We agree that circumstances  
do not warrant further pressure on  
Costa Rican Ambassador to detain  
"GHORIA". A debt of 50,000 dollars  
to U.S. citizens would however,  
appear to be ~~the best possible~~ <sup>a good</sup>

pretext for delaying this vessel and  
we hope that the State Dept would wish  
to be willing

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willing to act accordingly  
to ~~obtain ship for this name~~  
above, thus incidentally avoiding  
all risk of her subsequent  
participation in Jewish illegal  
immigration traffic.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO WASHINGTON

No. 12348

29th November, 1947. D. 5. 05 p.m. 29th November, 1947.

Repeated to San José No. 48  
Jerusalem (Saving)

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CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Washington telegram No. 12348 November  
29th repeated for information to San José and saving to  
Jerusalem.

Your telegram No. 6674 [of 26th November] Jewish  
illegal immigration.

We agree that circumstances do not warrant further  
pressure on Costa Rican Ambassador to detain "Gloria".  
A debt of 50,000 dollars to United States citizens would  
however, appear to be a good pretext for delaying this  
vessel and we hope that the State Department will be  
willing to act accordingly, thus incidentally avoiding  
all risk of her subsequent participation in Jewish illegal  
immigration traffic.

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PALESTINE

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FROM } Chancery  
No. } Washington  
Dated } 5/24/47  
Received in Registry } 20 Nov  
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Illegal Immigration  
Report New York Ch 6085 - 6457 (E10730/84/21)  
re warnings by Mr Marshall to certain staff leaders  
about illegal immigration. News of this has  
apparently leaked out as a correspondent of Newsweek  
named Weinstal when talking to members of Embassy  
staff spontaneously referred to what is described  
as the personal source of Mr Revere's message  
on the subject. He then related the action taken  
by Mr Marshall.

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This item has been held up by  
an immediate memo for E11150

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BRITISH EMBASSY.

WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

20th November 1947

Ref: G124/-/47

SECRET

Dear Department,

In our telegrams Nos. 6085 and 6451 (para 4) we mentioned the warning which Mr. Marshall has given to certain Jewish leaders about illegal immigration into Palestine.

2. News of this has apparently leaked out. A correspondent of "Newsweek" named Weintal, when talking recently to a member of the Embassy staff, spontaneously referred to what he described as the sensational success of Mr. Bevin's message on the subject. According to his information, the State Department were determined to prevent the PAN YORK and PAN CRESCENT from sailing. When he was asked how the State Department proposed to achieve this, he replied that Mr. Marshall had sent for Jewish leaders (he mentioned Mr. Shertok) and had said that, unless the sailings were prevented, he would publicise the fact that the Jewish Agency was assisting the immigration of Communists from Soviet-dominated states into Palestine. Weintal was evidently trying to verify this "hot" story and went on to say that one of the disclosures threatened was to the effect that a large sum of dollars had been paid to Amtorg in New York for the refitting of ships at Constanza. This point is new to us but it is of some interest if true, in the light of the information contained in our letter to you G124/-/47 of the 23rd October reporting a conversation between Mr. Loy Henderson and Mr. Shertok.

3. It may also be of interest that Epstein,

Eastern Department,  
Foreign Office,  
London, S.W.1.

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FROM

Lord Laverghol

No.

Washington

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Illegal Immigration

Re Washington tel 6457 (E10730/84/31)  
Transmit copy of letter which Lord Laverghol  
sent to Mr. Woodhall, thanking him for slip  
taken re illegal immigration and drawing attention  
to article by American League - P.M. 17/11  
inviting visitors and appealing for funds.

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H.I.S. (Mr. Robertson)  
Cab. Office (Cdr. Everhead)  
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(T. R. CHABLE)

Ms. Deins  
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HIS Majesty's Ambassador at Washington presents his compliments to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned documents.

*British Embassy*

*Washington, D. C.*

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21st November

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*Reference to previous correspondence:*

**Telegram No. 6751 from Lord Inverchapel to Foreign Office of 14th November.**

*Description of Enclosure.*

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Copy of letter from Lord Inverchapel to Mr. Marshall, 17th November.	Illegal Immigration

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with such effect that the British administration may be driven out in the near future by force. I am sure you will agree that such activities can only greatly complicate a situation already extremely difficult and that they are a direct violation of the resolution passed at the special session of the United Nations Assembly in the spring, which urged restraint upon all concerned while the question was under consideration.

I shall of course be glad to transmit to Mr. Bevin in due course the further information about the ships which you have been kind enough to promise. I know that any measures which it may be found possible to take, in order to bring to an end the assistance given from United States sources to the illegal immigration traffic and to activities such as those I have just mentioned, will be welcomed by H.M. Government in the United Kingdom. Meanwhile, I confess, it is painful to me to have to report to Mr. Bevin that announcements as offensive and as dangerous to our countries' friendship as that

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# GET OUT!

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**T**HE British are criminally irresponsible in the manner in which they keep announcing their intention to quit Palestine.

They should get out of Palestine at once. Let's give them a push.

We believe partition is an unjust and unworkable plan; we are against it. But leaving that aside, we think that the way the British snub the UN, the way they snub the whole world, is outrageous. We believe the British are ridiculing the UN.

They did so when they announced in advance last spring that they would not abide by a UN decision unless they liked it.

They are doing it again now when they refuse any cooperation in a Palestinian settlement.

## Like India, Like Palestine

The British could have avoided the horrible bloodshed in India, but they delight in it. They go around saying "I told you so."

We can prove that the British are deliberately planning a similar fate for Palestine. They are doing it openly. They are arming their mercenary Arab puppets, and Bevin has announced officially and brazenly that they will continue to arm them.

They know that these arms are going to Palestine to be turned against Hebrew men, women and children, but that is precisely what they want, so that they may be able to say, "I told you so"; so that they may prove the need for their continued imperial occupation of Palestine.

We are against partition because the Hebrew people are against it; because the fighting underground, whose heroism and sacrifices brought Palestine to the UN, are against it.

We are against the Jewish Agency that gives away 85 per cent of the Hebrew national territory, and collaborates shamelessly with the British aggressors.

It was by order of the Jewish Agency that the British were tipped off about an Underground house so that three teenage girls and two boys were murdered in cold blood by "innocent" British soldiers.

It was not a clash with the Underground. It was a massacre. Of course the Underground retaliates and ten Englishmen have paid with their lives, and blood again flows needlessly in Palestine.

## No More Free Murder

Remember this, Ernest Bevin and fellow anti-Semites: Hebrew blood is no longer cheap. Sure, you can shed it; but there is a price for it now and it is going to remain. A high price. The extermination days are over. The killing of Hebrews is being answered in kind.

Remember, anti-Semites of all sorts, wherever you are: Hebrew blood is equal to any other blood. A Hebrew corpse is as sordid a sight as a British corpse.

The world is learning that the Hebrews are no worse than other human beings; they are also no better. They have the right to be as good and as bad as the world's other nations. The Hebrews are not a sect, nor a clique, nor a strange tribe. They are a nation, a normal nation, whose home is Palestine. They live and fight like any other healthy nation. As we Americans did (against the British); as the Irish did (against the British); as the Boers did (against the British). And just as the others won, the Hebrews too are going to win.

How soon they win and with how few sacrifices depends entirely on the support they get from us—it depends on you.

The British say they will quit Palestine in August, 1948. They will not do it unless they are forced to. Let's make sure they are. Let's give them a push and make it January instead of August, for only when the British leave will there be peace in Palestine for all who dwell there—Jews, Moslems, Christians alike.

If the British do not leave, all the sacrifices will have been in vain.

## The Fight Put Palestine on the Map

It was the heroism and sacrifices of the Palestine Underground that saved the honor of the Hebrew nation. It was the tenacity of Hebrew soldiers that made Palestine an important international problem. It is Hebrew fighting men who will defend and finally liberate Palestine for all the Hebrews who wait to go there, and not only for a chosen few per month.

The fight needs your help. Don't refuse it.

In a desire to help, American Jews this year have contributed \$170,000,000 to "respectable" Jewish organizations, but that solved nothing; just as the \$100,000,000 spent in 1946 solved nothing.

It was not the expenditure of these millions that put Palestine at the top of the UN agenda. It was the persevering struggle for liberation conducted by the Hebrew Freedom Movement in Palestine and abroad that forced the issue. Only its continuation will assure final victory.

But the fight needs your help. It needs money—lots of money. Let's give it.

Send your contribution; make it as much as you can.

Get your friends to do the same.

Organize a fund-raising committee. Organize a meeting and call this office for a Palestinian speaker. Get in touch with us for further information and so that we can help you organize and give Palestine the maximum help it needs.

The Hebrews are a brave and noble nation. They are fighting for life and for the dignity of freedom. They are doing fine. Let's give them the means to finish the job.

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## 500 Jews Run Blockade of Palestine; 794 More Caught

By United Press

**JERUSALEM**  
Five hundred Jewish illegal immigrants managed to slip through the British blockade Saturday night in a schooner disguised as a fishing boat, but a group of 794 aboard a second vessel were intercepted at sea and deported to Cyprus.

The refugees beached their craft just north of the Jewish colony of Nahariya, five miles south of the Lebanese border. They waded ashore at 2 a.m. and were helped to escape to Jewish settlements in trucks provided by the underground army Haganah.

One of the refugees, a 17-year-old Hungarian boy who was interviewed by the United Press, said most of the refugees came from eastern Europe and the remainder were French-speaking Jews. One third were women, he said.

The youth said the 50-ton ship, renamed the Aliya, left Lyons in southern France on Nov. 6 flying the Turkish colors. The boat dallied near Palestine waters for three days trying to find a hole in the British blockade and finally succeeded.

The second ship, the Kadima, was intercepted and boarded without opposition.

There was no exact report on the number of Aliya refugees who managed to land successfully. Jewish underground sources refused to give the figure. British sources said the ship carried not more than 200 or 300. Best available estimates placed the number at close to 500. (An Associated Press dispatch placed the number at 185.)

The Hungarian youth said the landing took 45 minutes. Ten extra trucks were gathered at Nahariya in addition to those for the refugees,

and these also sped off in different directions to confuse pursuit if it materialized.

No pursuit developed. Underground sources said all the refugees have reached places of safety and one high British officer conceded that there was little hope of finding any now that they were mingled with the Jewish community.

The successful landing apparently was made possible by a confusion in signals between the British army and navy. Army and police forces entered Nahariya and attempted to set up a watch in the high water tower there.

Three British destroyers appeared off shore and the troops left, apparently assured that the navy was on watch. Two of the destroyers were called to intercept the Kadima, however, and the Aliya slipped through.

## Partition Talk Stirs Hostile Feelings At Arab-Jewish Rotary Club

By THOMAS F. REYNOLDS  
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**JAFFA**  
Rotary International is probably the last place you would expect to feel the cold chill of approaching war and nationalized murder, but the war chill has crept over the Jaffa-Tel Aviv Rotary Club.

They told me that this unique club, where Arabs and Jews meet on an equal footing as Rotarians, would be the best place to dispel the myth that the partition of Palestine would mean war between the Arabs and the Jewish community. Instead, I found there the inability of Jews and Arabs to find a basis for understanding in the partition framework, even in a fraternity such as Rotary.

### A Jewish Engineer And Arab Lawyer

By chance, I sat at the table with the great planner of Tel Aviv, Jacob Ben Sira, the city engineer whose dream is coming true with the growth of Tel Aviv from the sand dunes 35 years ago to a Riviera of 200,000-odd people today. A friend of Ben Sira came to sit with us, Habib Homsa, the most prominent lawyer of Arab Jaffa, which borders Tel Aviv. Homsa is a Christian Arab, with deep family ties to the Christian Arab community of Lebanon.

The Rotary speaker was discussing the cholera plague in Egypt, but everyone there was thinking of the partition debate at Lake Success and Ben Sira mentioned partition.

### Nothing to Do But Fight It Out

That mention brought sparks flashing in Homsa's eyes, and the Arab lawyer launched into a diatribe against both Britain and the U. S. A.

"Tell your government," he said to me, "that in its generosity to the Jews it must stop being generous out of the pockets of the Palestine Arabs and be generous out of its own pocket."

Then turning to Ben Sira, his old friend and fellow Rotarian, Homsa said:

"When partition comes there is nothing more to do but fight it out, and we shall see who are the best fighters."

Ben Sira, aghast at the outburst,

spoke of the possibility of friendship and collaboration between the Jewish and Arab communities inside the partitioned states.

But that brought the bitterest laugh from Homsa, who burst out again with a diatribe against what he said was the stated Jewish policy to refuse to employ Arab labor on land in the Jewish settlements. Ben Sira protested that such prohibitions against the employment of any outside labor—Jewish or otherwise—is a calculated movement to put Jews back on the land to live by the fruits of their own

labor.

But Homsa repeated merely: "When partition comes we shall fight it out."

Ben Sira and Homsa have been working year after year in good friendship, sharing bread and salt over the Rotary Club table.

The Jews claim that there is no genuine and dangerous irredentism in the Palestine Arab community and that partition will not cause conflict unless the Arabs are stirred up by influences from outside. This Rotary luncheon would seem to indicate otherwise.

## U. S. A. to Insist on UN Study of Veto

By ROBERT MANNING  
United Press Correspondent

### LAKE SUCCESS

The U. S. A. appeared certain today of winning its campaign in the UN General Assembly for a year-round study aimed at softening the Big Five veto power in the UN Security Council.

U. S. Delegate John Foster Dulles told Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko Saturday in a private conference that the U. S. A. was going to press its drive in spite of Russia's vehement opposition to any tampering with the veto.

### Would Leave Veto Only In Threats to Peace

Dulles served notice that the U. S. A. would ask for elimination of the veto power in all cases brought to the Security Council under the "pacific settlements" chapter of the UN charter as well as in the admission of new UN members. That would leave the veto in operation only in cases involving actual threats to peace or aggression—instances in which sanctions or military operations might be required.

In the private meeting Gromyko was understood to have underscored Russia's determination to keep the veto power as is and to defy small-country assaults on it.

### Plan to Leave Issue To Little Assembly

Any alteration of the UN Charter's veto provision would itself be subject to veto, making impossible any actual alterations at this time

whether the Assembly requests them or not. The Western powers were believed to feel, however, that concerted pressure might cause Russia to reduce its recourse to the veto and perhaps ultimately to agree to modifications.

Australia and other leaders in the continual small-nation war on the veto, it was learned, have agreed with an American plan to cut short the General Assembly veto debate beginning today and transfer the entire issue to the newly-established "Little Assembly."

### Security Council Asked To Join in Study

As a second step, the U. S. A. and an apparently large number of supporters will request the Security Council itself to join the "Little Assembly" in a 12-months study of the veto.

By bringing the Security Council into the project, it was believed, the Assembly could overcome the fact that Russia plans to boycott the "Little Assembly" when it begins functioning early in January as the year-round subsidiary of the full General Assembly.

Since the two-part proposal to be introduced in the Assembly's Political and Security Committee this week by the U. S. A. or one of its supporters will be like all Assembly decisions, a "recommendation" rather than an order, it will be possible for the Security Council or any one of its members to refuse to comply.

## British Selling Haifa Port Area

JERUSALEM

The British government of Palestine is going to advertise for sale part of the Haifa harbor area, one of the state's most saluable assets. Sale to private buyers is expected to cause much

bitterness among the Jews who are opposed to its sale because they expected to obtain the land—valued at \$12,000,000—for the new Jewish state which is being discussed at the UN General Assembly.

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TELEGRAM FROM

Mr. H. Ronald

No.

Lidon

Dated

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Received in Registry

27 Nov

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SS EARTZANKA

Flagship SS EARTZANKA ex Paramarian City of Lidon - sailed 26th for destination given as split.

Illegal immigration is suspected, but accommodation is unaltered.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

B.O. 5/12

*[Signature]* 28/11

References.

M.I. 5 do not consider her suspect

*[Signature]* 6/12

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8, I.I.P. (on E10950)  
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FROM LISBON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir N. Ronald. D. 1.32.p.m. November 27th, 1947.  
No. 663.  
November 27th, 1947. R. 2.52.p.m. November 27th, 1947.  
Repeated to Belgrade (for Naval Attaché).  
Secret.

Pass to [?mission].

Addressed Admiralty repeated Naval Attaché  
Belgrade from Naval Attaché Lisbon 271107 of 26th  
October.

Yugoslav S.S. Eartizanka, ex Panamanian City of  
Lisbon, sailed yesterday November 26th destination  
given as Split.

2. Confidential sources have reported[sic]  
graded D5 that ship is intended for illegal immigrant  
trade but accommodation[sic] is unaltered.

[Note by Communications Department: Repetition  
asked for regarding incomplete instructions  
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PALESTINE

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TELEGRAM FROM

No.

Dated

Received in Registry

M. Boulton

San Jose

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28 Nov

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GLORIA

Open 40 at HQ 11133/84/21 at above row. Minutes who promised to instruct Gato River. Enclosed all possible help in connection with Gloria and if sufficient grounds existed to report in same to local registry.

Last Paper.

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References.

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Dec. 3.

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FROM SAN JOSE TO FOREIGN OFFICE  
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Mr. Coultas.

No. 59

D. 11.45 a.m. 28th November, 1947  
28th November, 1947 R. 6.49 p.m. 28th November, 1947

Your telegrams Nos. 45 and 44. *11/33/84/11*

I at once saw Minister for Foreign Affairs who promised to instruct Costa Rican Ambassador at Washington to afford us all possible help in connexion with "Gloria" and, if sufficient grounds existed, to suspend or cancel Costa Rican registry. Previous experience has convinced me, however, that effective action would have been taken only on definite proof that vessel was engaged in illegal immigration traffic. In this connexion see my telegram No. 36. I subsequently informed Minister for Foreign Affairs of the gist of your telegrams Nos. 45 and 46, and thanked him for his co-operation stating that his promised action was no longer necessary.

Foreign Office please pass to Washington.

[Repeated to Washington].

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TELEGRAM FROM

Kend Lowenthal

No.

Washington

Dated

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Received in Registry

29.11.47

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Colonel F. B. Johnson

Refer #061 12200 (E10968/84/21) Director has stated that Colonel F. B. Johnson will actually be operated by D. Kahn and his son, detention is to employ Netherlands shipping firm as agents as a commercial basis but negotiations with Rotterdam. Lloyd says not yet taken place though they are stated to have asked Kahn for an agency some time ago. Further comments.

Last Paper.

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References.

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Tel, D. Ague 1/120

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P.T.O.

(Action completed.)

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G. W. B. 9/12

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11/8/48

Next Paper.

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(Minutes.)

I have discussed this telegram with M.I.5 and the C.O. Both agree that neither KAHN himself, nor the account given by him and DIRECTOR of their intentions, are sufficiently convincing to justify the release of this ship. Kahn's reluctance to involve the support of his Govt is particularly suspicious in view of the claims made by Director (see Washington tel. no 6570) that KAHN was on an official mission for his Govt.

Mr. Emerson, to whom I telephoned, is trying to find out more about Kahn. Until he has reported or until Kahn and Director produce a better story, I think we should ask the Americans to continue this ship's detention.

I have had copies of all correspondence about this ship sent to the Hague.

I now submit draft telegram to Washington.

N.A. Dept. 1 agree  
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Further information received from Mr. Emerson and telegram sent to Washington accordingly.

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Tel. from The Hague 583 3/12

Copies of all files have been sent by long telegram in reply J 5/12

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FROM WASHINGTON DEC FOREIGN OFFICE.

Lord Inverchapel. D. 10.36 p.m. 29th November, 1947.  
No. 6724. R. 4.20 a.m. 30th November, 1947.  
29th November, 1947.

Repeated to: Panama Saving  
New York (Consul General) Saving.

IMPORTANT  
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Addressed Foreign Office No. 6724 29th November,  
repeated Saving Panama and Consul General New York.

Your telegram No. 12200: Jewish illegal immigration.

In further conversation Derecktor has stated that Colonel F.C. Johnson will actually be operated by Dr. Kahn and his son. Intention is to employ Netherlands shipping firm as agents on a commission basis but negotiations with Rotterdamsche Lloyd have not yet taken place though they are stated to have asked Kahn for an agency some time ago. Control of operations will therefore be in Kahn's hands and since Kahn's interest in Brownsam Corporation is only fifty per cent, neither of the alternatives mentioned in paragraph 2 of your telegram under reference is really applicable.

2. Kahn's idea is that ship should be sailed to Holland for refitting and he states that negotiations for the allocation of the necessary purchase money on his part are being carried on through his own bank, the Twentch Bank, with the Netherlands bank. He does not want the whole question to be taken up with the Netherlands Government because he considers that this will cause much further delay, but he states that he is well known to Mersen, the Commercial Secretary in His Majesty's Embassy at The Hague, who could, he thinks, vouch for him.

3. Dereckter states as proof of innocence that there would be no prospect of release of guilders for the ship if Netherlands Government were in doubt as to its future use and that Kahn would not have been allowed dollars for his trip if he were not a respectable citizen concerned in a respectable deal.

4. We had thought that it might be possible for His Majesty's Embassy at The Hague to make the necessary enquiries of the Netherlands Authorities for establishing Kahn's bona fides but, as mentioned above, Kahn, who is returning to Holland next week, was strongly of the opinion that the delays would be such as to make the deal fall through. He urged vehemently that this step should therefore not be taken and appeared extremely annoyed at the doubts thrown on his good faith. I think that it would in any case be useful to find out perhaps

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by telephone to avoid delay, what information His Majesty's Embassy at The Hague themselves have about him in case this would give sufficient material for reaching a decision. Dereckter is meanwhile preparing his affidavit for the State Department.

5. It is possible that Dereckter had originally intended to sell to Zionist interests but having become aware of the obstacles is now trying to make a straight-forward deal. If Kahn's bona fides can be established, there would be advantage in letting it go through, since the Netherlands interest in the ship's earnings should ensure that she is used for legal purposes.

6. I should be grateful for further instructions as seen as possible.

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Addressed Washington telegram No. 12446

Telegram.

December 2nd. Repeated for information to  
The Hague, Consul-General, New York and saving  
to Panama.

No. 1114

(Date) Dec 2nd

Your telegram No. 6724 [of 29th November] 7  
Jewish Illegal Immigration. // Emerson confirms

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Jewish Illegal Immigration. He further informed  
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little force.

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now appears that these two men are to exercise sole control over the "Colonel Frederick C Johnson", it is essential that we should have more details of the trade for which she is ostensibly destined. In particular, is she to carry cargo or passengers and what is nature of refitting to be done in Holland?

3. This question has been further considered here by the Departments concerned and, pending the production by Kahn and Derektor of satisfactory evidence that this ship will be employed in legitimate trade and until His Majesty's Embassy at the Hague have had time to make further enquiries about Kahn, I cannot approve the release of this ship and I hope that the State Department, whose cooperation has been much appreciated, will continue to detain her for the time being.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO WASHINGTON

No: 12446

2nd December 1947

D. 8.0.p.m. 2nd December 1947

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Addressed Washington telegram No: 12446 December 2nd. Repeated for information to The Hague, Consul General New York and Saving to Panama.

Your telegram No: 6724 [of 29th November] Jewish Illegal Immigration.

Mr. Emerson confirms that he knows Doctor Isidore Kahn, who owns cinemas in Holland, but has had no previous connexion with shipping. His son was in the Netherlands Navy during the war and is now connected with shipping interests concerned in trade to Palestine. Mr. Emerson considers Kahn reputable, but would not go so far as to say that the mere fact of his connexion with this transaction excludes all risk of ship being intended for Jewish Illegal Immigration. He further informed us that Kahn has funds of his own in the United States of America, which he has recently visited several times. Dereckter's argument in paragraph 3 of your telegram under reference, has, therefore, little force.

2. While we have nothing against Kahn himself, his association with Dereckter in the operation of a ship under the Panamanian flag arouses suspicions which are not allayed by the vague and conflicting accounts both have given of their project, nor by Kahn's reluctance to enlist the support of his Government (for whom, so Dereckter claimed, as reported in your telegram No: 6570, he was acting). As it now appears that these two men are to

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FROM THE HAGUE TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Sir N. Bland.  
No. 583.

D. 6.9 p.m. 3rd December, 1947.

3rd December, 1947.

R. 8.8 p.m. 3rd December, 1947.

Your telegram 12446 to Washington. E

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(Date) Dec 4

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Panama 273AV

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I.I.P.

Addressed Washington telegram no 12522 December 4<sup>th</sup> and repeated saving for information to The Hague, Bureau General New York and Panama.

my telegram no. 12446 [of 2<sup>nd</sup> December]

Jewish illegal immigration. H.H. Embassy at the The Hague have informed us that the younger KAHN is connected with the ATIO Navigation Company of Palestine and has applied for /an

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an entry permit to that country. Firm in question is known to be reputable and High Commissioner for Palestine has been asked to give an immediate opinion ~~for an immediate expression~~ of his views whether he considers this connection sufficient guarantee of KAHN's bona fides.

*[Signature]*  
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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO WASHINGTON

No. 12522  
4th December, 1947. D. 2. 35 p.m. 4th December,  
1947.

Repeated to The Hague No. 210 Saving  
New York (Consul General) No. 73 Saving  
Panama No. 27 Saving

IMPORTANT  
CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Washington telegram No. 12522 December  
and repeated saving for information to The Hague,  
Consul General New York and Panama.

My telegram No. 12446[of 2nd December].

Jewish illegal immigration. His Majesty's  
Embassy at The Hague have informed us that the  
younger Kahn is connected with the Atid Navigation  
Company of Palestine and has applied for an entry  
permit to that country. Firm in question is known  
to be reputable and High Commissioner for Palestine  
has been asked whether he considers this connexion  
sufficient guarantee of Kahn's bona fides.

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The Hague

Telegram.

No. 1120

(Date) Dec 5

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~~En Clair~~  
~~Addressed The Hague Telegram no. 1120 December~~  
 your telegram no. 583 [of 3rd  
 December: Jewish illegal immigration]

As there are numerous telegrams  
 on this subject, copies are being sent  
 by bag and should reach you  
 on 9th December

*[Signature]*  
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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO THE HAGUE

No. 1120

5th December, 1947.

D. 4:40 p.m. 5th December, 1947.

Your telegram No. 583 [of 3rd December: Jewish illegal immigration].

As there are numerous telegrams on this subject, copies are being sent by bag and should reach you on 9th December.

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Registry Number E 11278/84/11

TELEGRAM FROM

No.

Dated

Received in Registry

Ka. V. Mallet

Rome

2218

28, Nov

1. Dec

Illegal Immigrant Ships.  
Refer to tel 2447 (E1009/84/11) which has  
been forwarded recently about all ship treatment  
in para 2 of the order ref.  
For particulars of same.

Last Paper.

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References.

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(Action completed.)

G. E. M. 5/12

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W. H. K.

Next Paper.

E 11396

(Minutes.)

Para 5. is surprising, since this  
ship was shown as strongly suspect in  
Weekly list no 33 (E10173), which was  
sent to Rome on 31st October and  
should have reached there in time. Nor can  
I agree <sup>with</sup> their views as expressed in  
para. 4.

We have already made our point  
of view clear, however, in our telegram  
no 2447 and no further action seems  
to be required.

J. E. CABLE

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FROM ROME TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Sir V. Mallet.  
No. 2218.

D. 1.42 p.m. 28th November, 1947.  
R. 5.55 p.m. 29th November, 1947.

28th November, 1947.

Your telegram No. 2447. *EMM*

Jewish Illegal Immigration.

Italian Government have been warned recently about all the ships mentioned in your paragraph 2.

2. On instructions in your telegram No. 1865 <sup>2120</sup> they were informed in a note delivered to Count Zoppi that certain ships including San Leonardo, Rondine and Yilderan were strongly suspected and were pressed to take prompt and effective action to prevent their departure (see my telegram No. 1941). As regards "Yilderan" please also refer to my telegram 2093. The Turkish Embassy have since confirmed that they have approached by [sic] the Italian authorities and say that they expect that action will be taken to detain this ship.

3. We have also informed the Italian Government that the "St. Moritz" is particularly suspected and have pressed for her detention.

4. Since, as you are aware, the Italian Government have been very reluctant to detain ships except on what they consider legal grounds and the co-operation we can expect from them in this matter is limited, our practice has been to reserve our fire and unless specifically instructed by you to press them for action in particular places where ships are of considerable size or where our experts are reasonably certain that they intend after sailing to pick up immigrants on the trip they are making.

5. In the case of *Rafaeluccia* information in your telegram No. 2240 was not confirmed by events and we had received no information that this ship was especially dangerous.

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FROM ROME TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir V. Mallet.

No. 2226

1st December, 1947

D. 11.55 a.m. 1st December, 1947

R. 1.12 p.m. 1st December, 1947

My telegram No. 2218, paragraph two. E

For your telegram No. 1865 please substitute your telegram No. 2120.

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TELEGRAM FROM

Lord Amersham

No.

Washington

Dated

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GLORIA and ATR 83.  
After 20 of 12245 (E 11172/84/11) State Dept inform ship left Charleston Nov 29. They ran into a Gale and Gloria had boiler trouble which forced her to cut ATR 83 loose and return to Charleston. Boat guards are now searching for ATR 83 somewhere in the Atlantic. It appears therefore, that repairs will be paid but sailing will certainly be delayed again for some time.

Last Paper.

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References.

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~~Q. M.~~

~~Enclosed. Dec~~

8, 9.9.P. (E 10980)

Dec 5

✓ P.T.O.

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E 11431

(Minutes.)

Admitt Deus it dissipati sunt!  
This is the second time these two unfortunate kugs have been forced back to Charleston by the elements after our own efforts had failed.

In case they are ~~back~~ lucky the third time, we had better warn Lisbon. Letter accordingly.

N.A. Dept. }  
Western Dept. } a/a  
HT 17-11

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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Lord Inverchapel D. 7.18 p.m. 2nd December, 1947  
No. 6762  
2nd December, 1947. R. 1.00 a.m. 3rd December, 1947

Repeated to Jerusalem Saving  
San Jose Saving

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 6762 of 2nd  
December, 1947 repeated Saving to Jerusalem and San Jose.  
Your telegram No. 12348. *E 11596*  
Jewish illegal immigration.

State Department informs us that Gloria and Atr 83,  
left Charleston on November 29th. They ran into a gale  
and the Gloria had boiler trouble which forced her to  
cut the Atr 83 loose and return to Charleston. Coast  
guard are now searching for Atr 83 somewhere in the  
Atlantic. It appears, therefore, that repairs bill was  
paid, but sailing will certainly be delayed again for  
some time.

Foreign Office please pass to Jerusalem Saving as  
my telegram No. 8.

[Copy sent to Telegraph Section Colonial Office for  
transmission by Confidential Bag to Jerusalem].

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4th December, 1947.

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H.M. Chancery,  
Lisbon.

From:  
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 San José,  
 Colonial Office,  
 Mr. Higham,  
 M15 Mr. Scherr,  
 Cabinet Offices,  
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5/12  
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Dear Chancery,

Our attention has recently been drawn to two ocean-going tugs, the "Gloria" and the ATR 83, whose particulars are contained in the fortnightly list of suspect shipping. Their owner and London agent are both connected with Eliadis, who has already sent three ships to Palestine with Jewish illegal immigrants on board. The grounds for our suspicions were not, however, strong enough to justify us in asking the U.S. Government to delay <sup>these vessels</sup> ~~them~~ indefinitely at Charleston and we have accordingly agreed that they should be allowed to leave that port.

2. Their ostensible destination is Lisbon, where their owner hopes to set up a towing business and to operate the "Gloria" and, after repairs in Lisbon, the ATR 83 as well, in the Mediterranean. After our efforts to detain these vessels had ceased, the elements took a hand and the "Gloria", which left Charleston on the 29th November with the ATR 83 in tow, ran into a gale and developed boiler trouble. This forced her to cut her tow loose and return to Charleston. The U.S. Coast-guard Service are now searching for the ATR 83 in the Atlantic. If one or both of these ships eventually succeed in reaching Portugal, we should be grateful if you would let us know and keep an eye on their activities there. We shall, of course, inform you as soon as we hear that they have/

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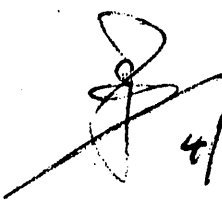
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have actually left the United States.

3. We are sending copies of this letter to the Chanceries at Washington and San José.

Yours ever,  
EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

  
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CONSUL OFFICE, S.W.I.

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9th December, 1947.

Dear Chancery,

Our attention has recently been drawn to two ocean-going tugs, the "Gloria" and the AFR 83, whose particulars are contained in the fortnightly list of suspect shipping. Their owner and London agent are both connected with Blissin, who has already sent three ships to Palestine with Jewish illegal immigrants on board. The grounds for our suspicions were not, however, strong enough to justify us in asking the United States Government to delay these vessels indefinitely at Charleston and we have accordingly agreed that they should be allowed to leave that port.

2. Their ostensible destination is Lisbon, where their owner hopes to set up a towing business and to operate the "Gloria" and, after repairs in Lisbon, the AFR 83 as well, in the Mediterranean. After our efforts to detain these vessels had ceased, the elements took a hand and the "Gloria", which left Charleston on the 29th November with the AFR 83, ran into a gale and developed boiler trouble. This forced her to cut her way loose and return to Charleston. The United States Coastguard Service are now searching for the AFR 83 in the Atlantic. If one or both of these ships eventually succeed in reaching Portugal, we should be grateful if you would let us know and keep an eye on their activities there. We shall, of course, inform you as soon as we hear that they have actually left the United States.

3. We are sending copies of this letter to the Chanceries at Washington and San Jose.

Yours ever,

HANDEMAN

The Chancery,  
British Embassy,  
Lisbon.

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E 11459/84/21

TELEGRAM FROM

Lieut. V. Wallis

No.

Rome

Dated

22.11.47

Received in Registry

3.12.47

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Appointment of Mr. Perry  
Refort 40 of 2334 (E 9800/84/21) Perry has  
been fully briefed and has had meeting with  
competent Italian officials. Italians wish him  
to take up his duties at once at Bologna and  
suggest it might be convenient for him to  
have station of view - coast here.

Last Paper.

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References.

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8, 991 (on E10980)  
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Lt, Rome 2583  
Rptd Milan 262  
9 Dec.

8, 991. ~~119~~  
(on E11743)  
Dec 15

8) Mr. Luck, H.O.  
Dec. 15

(Action completed.)

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Next Paper.

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(PF 8361 - Mr. S. J. Perry)

(Minutes.)

Mr. Perry is an immigration officer of the Home Office, who has been sent to Italy (at the request of the Italian Govt.) to advise the Italian authorities on the control of their Northern frontier. The object of his mission, from our point of view, is to prevent Jews from crossing into Italy and thence ~~embarking~~ attempting to effect an illegal entry into Palestine. The Italians attach great importance to his mission and, in so far as it promotes Italian cooperation in preventing the departure of illegal immigrant ships, so do we. They are, however, naturally anxious to avoid any appearance of being under British orders or any arrangement too reminiscent of the occupation period. Mr. Perry was originally given the status of a liaison officer from the British element of the Allied Control Commission in Vienna, but evidently /the

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The Italians would now prefer him to have consular status.

I see no objection to this proposal. Mr. Perry's activities will be entirely above board - touring the Northern frontier, visiting frontier posts, liaison with the Austrian frontier control, reports and advice to the Italian Govt. He will not be doing anything "cloak-and-sagger" or otherwise discreditable to a Vice-Consul. I do not expect that his services will be required very much ~~long~~ after February, but they may possibly be needed till May.

*J. E. Cable*  
(J. E. CABLE)

Western Dept. (Italian Section)  
Consular Dept. 5/12  
Personnel Dept. } Just

I see no objection. It might however be worth going into (a) the reasons why Perry's predecessor was appointed a liaison officer, and (b) the reasons why this comes is no longer satisfactory, before coming to a decision.

*D. Pemberton-Pigott*  
D. PEMBERTON-PIGOTT

I think we can agree to this and I submit a draft. I suspect that Perry's predecessor had no consular rank because he was appointed before the Treaty

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Treaty was signed, and <sup>73</sup>  
consequently we had technically  
no similar representation in  
Italy.

*H. T. Kennedy* 6/12

H. T. KENNEDY

Mini Study - <sup>20/2</sup> <sup>29/17</sup>  
<sup>20/2</sup> <sup>29/17</sup>  
Records by (Personnel Dept) a.a.  
Country Dept. a.a. <sup>29/12</sup>  
F.O. Dept. a.a.

Telegram sent

*[Signature]* 9/12

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1

FROM ROME TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir V. Mallet D. 9.24 a.m. 4th December, 1947.  
No. 2245 R. 9.43 a.m. 4th December, 1947.

3rd December, 1947.  
Repeated to Milan

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 2245  
December 3rd, repeated to Milan.

Your telegram No. 2534. Jewish illegal immigration  
Appointment of Mr. Perry.

2. Perry who arrived here recently has now  
been fully briefed by us and has had a meeting with  
the competent Italian officials which is being  
reported to you by bag.

3. The Italians wish him to take up his duties  
at once at Belzane and have suggested it might be  
convenient for him to have the status of temporary  
Vice-Consul there. We also think this would be  
useful for Perry in his dealings with local officials  
If you have no objection we should be grateful if  
you would telegraph authority to His Majesty's  
Consul General, Milan to issue letter of appointment.

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Telegram.

No. 2583 ✓

(Date) Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

Repeat to:—

Milan 262 ✓

Addressed Rome telegram no 2583  
December no 7<sup>th</sup> and repeated for  
information to Milan.

Your telegram no. 2245 [of  
3rd December: Jewish illegal  
immigration]

We agree to local route  
Vice-consul for Perry

*[Signature]*  
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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO ROME

No. 2583  
9th December, 1947

D: 11.55 a.m. 10th December, 1947

Repeated to: Milan No. 262

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Addressed Rome telegram No. 2583 December 9th and repeated for information to Milan.

Your telegram No. 2245 [of 3rd December: Jewish illegal immigration].

We agree to local rank of Vice-Consul for Perry.

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PALESTINE

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TELEGRAM FROM

W. Holman

No.

Bucharest

Dated

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"Pan Brest" and "Pan York"

R/for #0 tel 1342 (E 10900/84/31) Approval of US Legation called on Mendall to request no departures of Pan York and Pan Brest. The said State Dept were now showing great interest in immigrant traffic further from conversation with Mendall that State Dept had raised strong objections to US Minister suggestion that nationality should be withdrawn from American members of crew.

Last Paper.

(21-84)

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(Minutes.)

*[Signature]*  
(J.E. CABLE)

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References.

U.A. Dept.  
Sourgen Dept.

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S. J. L. (E 10950)  
Dec 5

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DEPARTMENTAL NO.1.

FROM BUCHAREST TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Holman  
No. 1452

December 4th, 1947.

D. 9.53 a.m. December 4th, 1947.

R. 10.03 a.m. December 4th, 1947.

Repeated to Washington

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 1452  
December 4th repeated Washington.

Your telegram No. 1342.

Illegal Jewish immigration.

Official of United States Legation called on Kendall yesterday to enquire about departures of s.s. Pan Yerk and Pan Crescent. He said the [grp. undec. ?State Department] were now showing great interest in the illegal Jewish immigration traffic.

2. From conversation with Kendall gather that [grp. undec. ?State Department] had raised strong objection to United States Minister's suggestion that certificates should be withdrawn from American members of the crews of these ships owing to the outcry it would cause in the United States. The [grp. undec. ?State Department] was obviously anxious to do anything it could to assist that would not make it the immediate target of unwelcome attack.

3. United States official was evidently anxious to have any available evidence of Soviet participation in this traffic and specially in infiltration of Soviet agents amongst the immigrants. He was supplied verbally and in general terms with such evidence as I possess on this point without of course disclosing the sources.

Foreign Office please repeat Washington as my telegram No. 162.

[Repeated to Washington]

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TELEGRAM FROM

H. Holman

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Buchanan

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Re Buchanan tel 1382 (E10958/84/31) trans via  
Export line Atlantic arrived 3/12 at Constanța  
and brought foodstuffs and 18 tons of life belts  
for steamer Pan Am and Pan York from Italy.  
Both vessels are preparing to leave between Dec 5  
and Dec 10 according to estimate of Consular  
clerk in Constanța.

Last Paper.

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References.

(Minutes.)

No reports of concentrations of Jews  
at Constanța or elsewhere have been  
reported yet, so this may be another  
false alarm.

Southern Dept.  
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J. P. [Signature]  
(S. E. CABER)  
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3.5. [Signature]  
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to I.P.P. (on E11501)  
Dec 7.

I.P.P. Pickers tel 2348 6/12  
- B.C. Med 092200 10/12.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO.1.

FROM BUCHAREST TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Holman,  
No.1455  
4th December, 1947.

D: 9.52 a.m. 4th December, 1947

R: 10.30 a.m. 4th December, 1947.

Repeated to Angora,  
Jerusalem,  
B.M.E.O. Cairo  
Malta.

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No.1455  
of December 4th repeated Angora, Jerusalem, B.M.E.O.  
Cairo and Malta.

My telegram No.1382. E 12908/54

American Export Line steamer arrived yesterday  
at Constantza and brought feedstuffs and 18 tons  
of life belts for steamers Pan Crescent and Pan York  
from Italy.

2. Both vessels are preparing to leave between  
December 5th and December 10th according to estimate  
of Consular clerk in Constantza.

Foreign Office please repeat to Angora, Jerusalem  
B.M.E.O. Cairo and Malta as my telegrams Nos 45, 73,  
25 and 14 respectively.

[Repeated to Angora and B.M.E.O. Cairo, and copies  
sent to Colonial Office for repetition to Jerusalem  
and Malta].

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INWARD TELEGRAM

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

Cypher (O.T.P.)

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FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

D. 6th December, 1947.  
R. 6th " " "

13.55 hrs.

No. 2348 Secret.

Addressed to S. of S.  
Repeated " Bucharest, No. 1688.

Your telegram No. 3146 (Bucharest to  
Foreign Office No. 1455).

Illegal Immigrants.

I assume that all possible pressure,  
including suggestion referred to in Foreign Office  
telegram No. 1542 to Bucharest, is being applied to  
prevent PAN CRESCENT and YORK sailing.

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092200A/December

From C in C. Med. Afloat

Date 10.12.47.

Rec'd 0509

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To: Admiralty,  
Info: C in C. Med. Malta, C in C. Nore.

In view of the tension in Eastern Mediterranean and the fact that the two Pan. (Pan.) ships may emerge from Black Sea at any time, each of which requires a cruiser to deal with them, I am loath (loath) to let LEANDER off the station until it is certain NEWCASTLE has not developed defects on trials, and will sail near planned date.

2. I would prefer therefore that LEANDER should not leave Malta before 15th December as in C in C. Med. Malta 080945. A.M. 081900 refers.

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CC.

1st Lord  
1st S.L. (3)  
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PALESTINE

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Registry Number

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TELEGRAM FROM

Mr. V. Modigliani

No.

Rome

Dated

22.5.7

Received in Registry

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GIOVANNI MARIA  
repts 4.11.48 88. E. M. G. Heli has been sent to my Foreign Affairs, indicating that "Giovanni Maria" in spite of representations is not detained in Genoa and will result that she was subsequently able to sail back to Leghorn from North Africa and later again from Somalia. There is then apparently to urge cancellation of ship Italian registry.

Last Paper.

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✓ Dec. 9

Tel) Rome 2580  
Rptd) Paris 2108 Sav.  
Dec. 9.

8) 9.9.12 (on E 11743)  
✓ Dec. 15

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(Minutes.)

I have spoken to Mr. Crossley (Paris Embassy), who sent a telegram to Ajaccio instructing our Consul there to warn the local authorities. The Embassy are also asking the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to send instructions to Corsica about this ship, in case she attempts to embark Jews or to re-fuel. Mr. Crossley thinks, and I agree, that we ought to wait till the Italians have actually withdrawn registration before asking the French to detain her. She had not, so far as we know, yet entered a French port.

*[Signature]*  
(J. E. C. B. H.)  
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Western Dept.

Mr. Wilson 9/12

JB Dec. 8

If we have to telegraph to Ajaccio about this it should be born in mind that he

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that the Consul here is only really a  
shipping agent, and that he holds no  
cyphers, so we have to telegraph en  
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John Wilson  
to sec.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM ROME TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir V. Mallet. D. 9.52.a.m. December 5th, 1947.  
No. 2257.  
December 4th, 1947. R. 10.40.a.m. December 5th, 1947.

Repeated to Paris.  
Cairo.

IMMEDIATE.

Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 2257 of  
December 4th repeated to Paris and Cairo.

Confidential.

Your telegram No. 88 to Algiers. <sup>E/S</sup> Jewish Illegal  
Immigration.

A note (copy by bag) has been sent to Ministry of  
Foreign Affairs protesting that "Giovanni Maria" in  
spite of representations reported in Ward's  
despatch No. 441, was not detained in Spezia with  
the result that she was subsequently able to embark  
illegal immigrants from North Africa and later again  
from Sardinia.

2. We have also taken the opportunity to urge  
that this ship's Italian registration should be  
cancelled as Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed us  
last July would be done in the case of Italian ships  
found engaging in illegal traffic (see Sir Noel  
Charles despatch No. 357.).

3. Since this ship is now reported to be off  
Corsica you may wish to warn the French authorities that  
her registration may be cancelled which would give them  
a case for detaining her in the meantime if she puts  
into a French port.

Foreign Office please repeat Immediate to Paris as  
my telegram 232.

[Repeated to Paris.]

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ROME

Telegram.

No. 2580

(Date) Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

Repeat to:-

Paris (Italy) No 5108

c. in c. Med

~~En Clair.~~

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Despatched 7 33 P.M.

Immediate  
Confidential

Addressed Rome telegram no 2580  
December 9<sup>th</sup> and repeated for  
information to Paris (navy) and  
c. in c. Mediterranean.

Your telegram no. 2257 [of 5<sup>th</sup>  
December: Jewish illegal immigration]

"GIOVANNI MARIA" is now in  
GIROATA (Corsica), where the local  
authorities have been asked to detain  
her. Perhaps the withdrawal of  
Italian registry would be most  
helpful and I hope the Italian  
Govt. will take this step as  
soon as possible.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO ROME

No. 2580

9th December, 1947

D: 7.33 p.m. 9th December, 1947

Repeated to: Paris No. 2108 Saving  
Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean

IMMEDIATE  
CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Rome telegram No. 2580 December 9th and repeated for information to Paris(Saving) and Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean.

Your telegram No. 2257 [of 5th December: Jewish illegal immigration].

"Giovanni Maria" is now in Girolata (Corsica), where the local authorities have been asked to detain her. The withdrawal of Italian registry would be most helpful and I hope the Italian Government will take this step as soon as possible.

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TELEGRAM FROM

Lord Inverchapel  
Washington

No.

6809

Dated

4 Dec

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balcony, F. E. Johnson  
Refers to E1 12446 (E11277/84/31) Denekton  
states that negotiations are proceeding with  
Rottendam Lloyd about an agency for the  
balcony F. E. Johnson. Her present intention is to  
operate her primarily as a passenger ship between  
Netherlands and French ports. She is to carry about  
500 tons of general cargo and about 500 passengers.  
Further information.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

Now see E11724

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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Lord Inverchapel.  
No. 6809. D. 2.58 a.m. 5th November 1947.  
4th December 1947. R. 8.5 a.m. 5th November 1947.

Repeated to: The Hague  
and Saving to  
Consul General, New York and  
Panama.

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Addressed to Foreign Office No. 6809 of  
4th December, repeated to The Hague and Saving to  
Consul General New York and Panama.

Your telegram No. 12446; Jewish Illegal  
Immigration.

Derecktor states that negotiations are proceeding with Rotterdam Lloyd about an agency for the Colonel F.C. Johnson. His present intention is to operate her primarily as a passenger ship between Netherlands and French posts, though the scope of her activities might later be enlarged, if business warrants it. She is, he says, to carry about 500 tons of general cargo and about 500 passengers.

2. He states that refitting, to be done in Holland, will consist of the installation of stanchions and the partitioning of the former third class space in order to provide more comfortable passenger accommodation. Provision will also be made for a large dining room and a lounge and for suitable deck space for passengers.

3. He informed us that Kahn had returned to Holland and was going to take up with the Netherlands Government this "British interference with a Netherlands' citizen". If Kahn does so, it may finally be possible to explain the position to the Netherlands Government and perhaps obtain assurance as to the proper use of the vessel.

4. State Department have lent us affidavits sworn by Derecktor and Kahn, copies of which follow by bag. In this, Derecktor states that "as an American citizen I have every desire, and I hereby furnish personal assurance, that the operation of this vessel will be conducted in the most correct and legal manner and will not be contrary to the interests of any foreign Government". Kahn says in this that he joins with Derecktor in the assurance given as to the intended use of this vessel.

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5. I do not think that there is any more information to be obtained here which would serve to prove the innocence of this enterprise, beyond the affidavits which from your telegram No.12200, I see you do not consider to be sufficient in themselves. We can only obtain Derektor's own account of his intentions, which he will not be able to substantiate in my really effective manner. If the Netherlands Government have an indirect interest in the transaction because of the receipts which the vessel will earn, it would seem that they should be prepared in their own interests, to ensure that she does not engage in illegal enterprises and so run a very serious risk of confiscation.

6. State Department say that there has been no change in their policy of scrutinising such cases carefully, and that it will take a little time for those concerned to consider the affidavits. They may even wish to consult Mr. Marshall, who has taken a personal interest in this case. The implication was that they would not (repeat not) release ship in the immediate future.

Foreign Office please pass to The Hague as my telegram No.50.

[Repeated to The Hague.]

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TELEGRAM FROM

Lord Kinnear

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Dated

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Rebate of LST-1061.

Application has been received from Lord Kinnear for purchase and transfer to American registry of LST-1061. Application was presented by James E. Fox of company Messrs. A. Small (Attorney) and L. A. Barrows consulting engineers, 111 Madison Street, New York, U.S.A. No objection is raised by the U.S. Navy.

Last Paper.

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M.I.S have no objection. Telegram to Washington accordingly.

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DEPARTMENTAL No. 1

FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Lord Inverchapel D. 10.42 p.m. 5th December, 1947  
No. 6834  
R. 4.00 a.m. 6th December, 1947  
5th December, 1947

IMPORTANT

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Illegal immigration to Palestine DEC

State Department inform us that application has been received from the Inter-American Steamship Company by the Maritime Commission for the purchase and transfer to Panamanian registry of LST-1061 and they have asked us whether we have any objection from the Palestine of [sic] point of view. The application was presented by James E. Fox of the company, Thomas A. Farrell, Attorney, and E.A. Burrows consulting engineering, all American citizens. The company is American. Stated intention is to use this ship on the central and South American run for the carriage of sugar and rum.

2. We have no adverse information about this company here, but I should be grateful for your own views as soon as possible, since Maritime Commission will shortly break up ships still remaining on their hands and this one must therefore be purchased soon by the company, if they are not to lose it.

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No. 12647

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Addressed Washington Telegram no 12647  
December 6th  
Your telegram no. 6834 [of 5<sup>th</sup> in  
December: Jewish illegal immigration]  
No objection  
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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO WASHINGTON

No. 12647

December 6th, 1947.

D. 7.26 p.m. December 6th,  
1947.

Your telegram No. 6834 [of December 5th: Jewish  
illegal immigration].

No objection.

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FROM

Clarence Washington

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Dated

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'Colonel F.B. Johnson'  
Re: Washington tel 5942 (E 9999/84/31)  
Now transmit copies of photographs of  
'Colonel F.B. Johnson' obtained by  
HM Consul at Norfolk.

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ackly { Col. Hodgkinson N.A.O.  
Mr. Dodds - Military Branch  
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Col. Hodgkinson  
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BRITISH EMBASSY.

WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

1st December 1947

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Ref: G124/-/47  
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Dear Department,

In our telegram No.5942 of the 25th October about Jewish illegal immigration we reported that H.M. Consul at Norfolk was trying to obtain photographs of the COL. F.C. JOHNSON. He has now obtained these photographs, which are enclosed herein, together with the negatives.

He tried to take them from the shipbuilding yard where she was lying, but was prevented from doing so by the presence of an armed guard at the gate of the yard and a sign reading "No Kodaks Allowed". The ship has two raked funnels painted yellow and is marked with an "x" in the photographs.

H.M. Consul will try to get clearer photographs after she leaves the yard.

Yours ever,

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Foreign Office,  
London, S.W.1.

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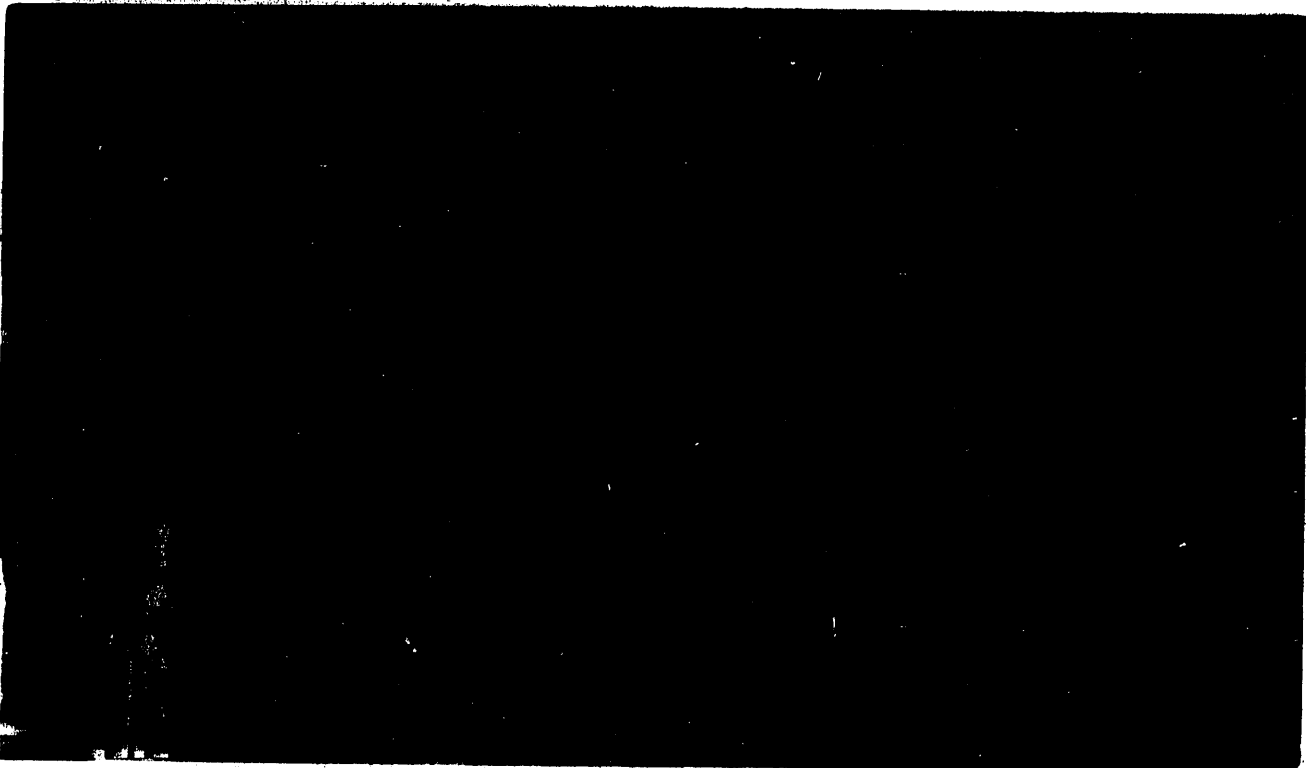
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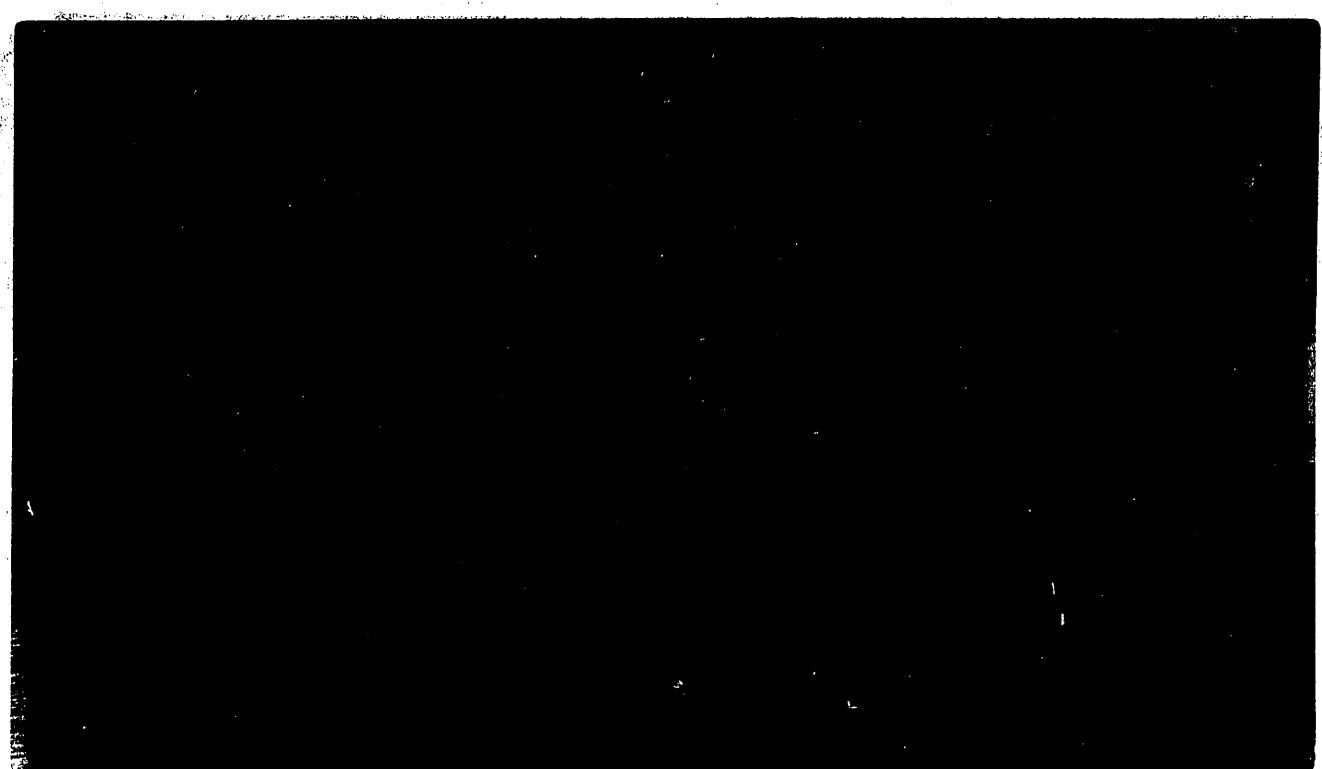
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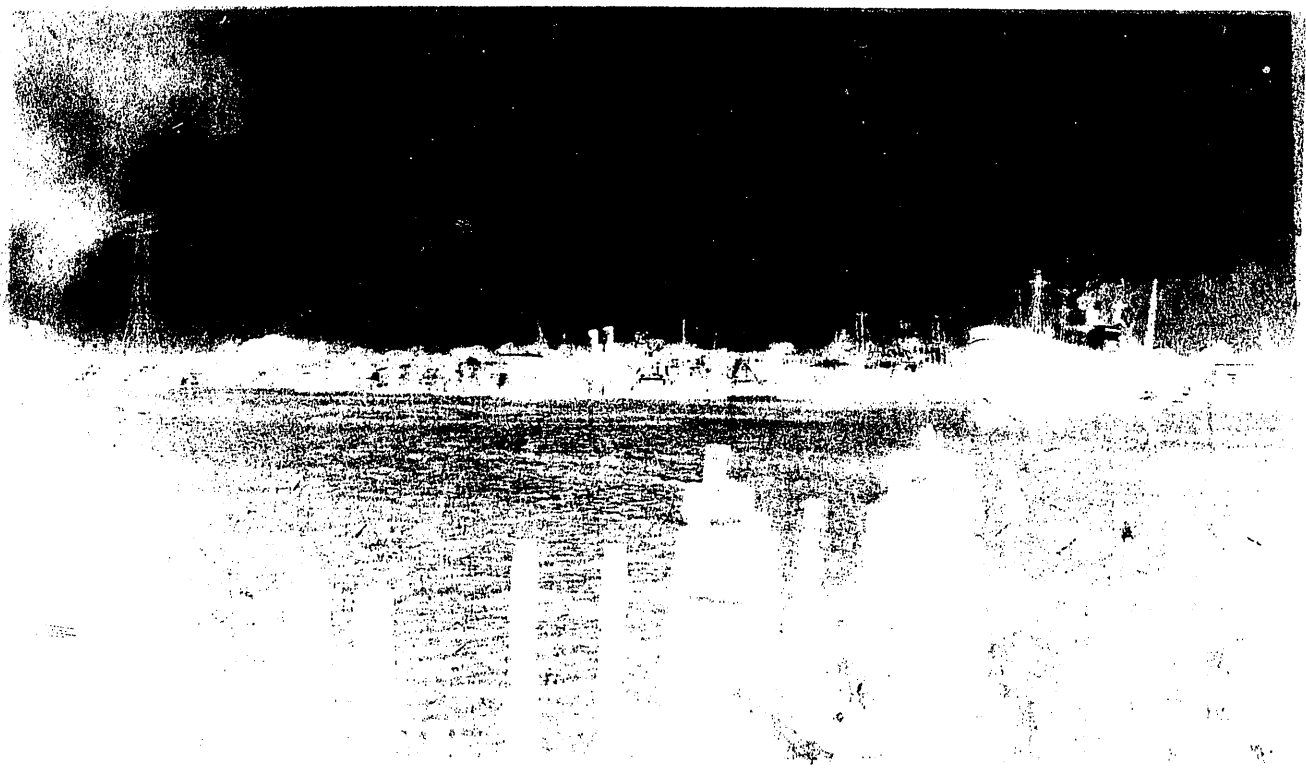
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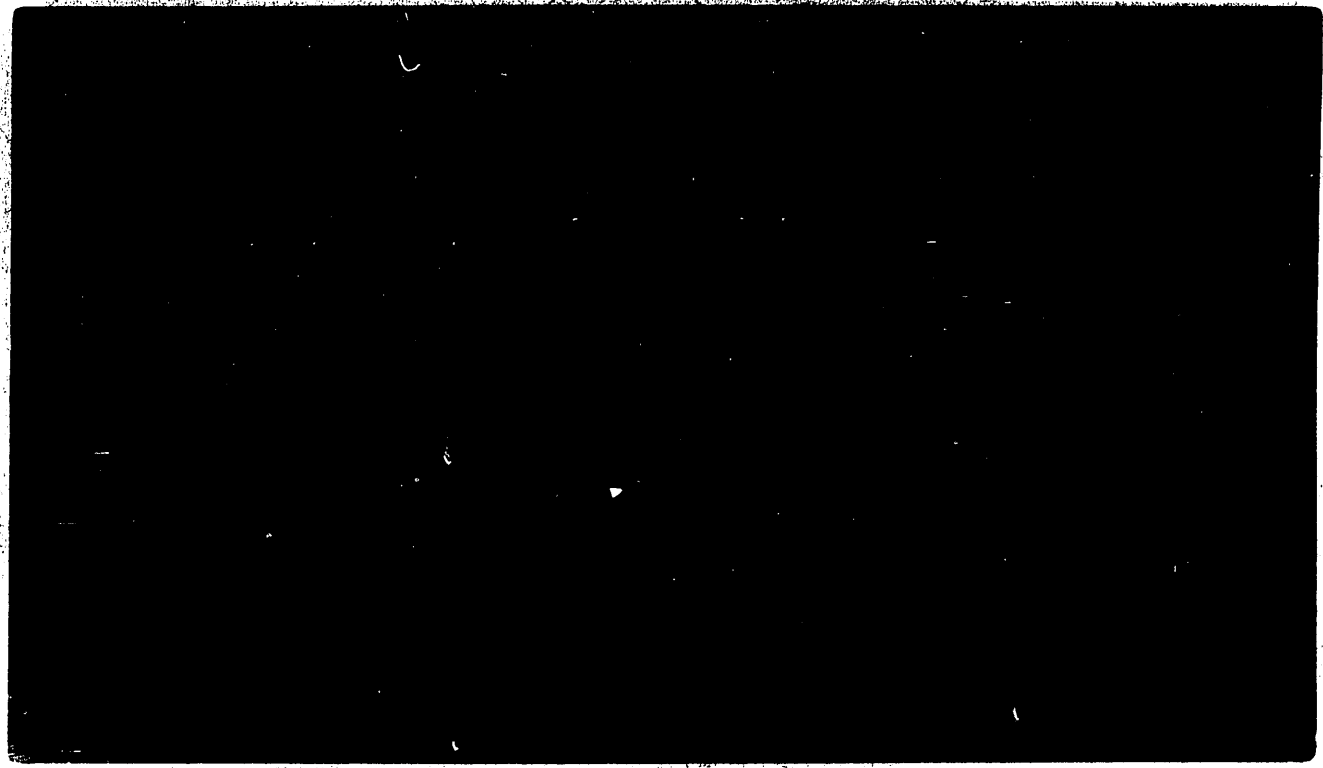


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Registry Number

E 11624/84/31

FROM

6 Lawrence

No.

Washington

Dated

9/24/47

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Colonel F. B. Johnson

Refer Washington at 6809 (E 11624/84/11)  
Encloses copies of affidavits sworn by  
Samuel Benckler, carrier of Col F. B. Johnson  
and by Dr. Kahn and his son;

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copy to M.I.5 (Mr. Lehen)

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BRITISH EMBASSY.

WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

5th December 1947

Ref: G124/-/473 DEC

Dear Department,

We enclose herein copies of the affidavits sworn by Samuel Derecktor, owner of the COL. F.C. JOHNSON, and by Dr. Kahn and his son, as promised in para 4 of our telegram No.6809 of the 4th December about Jewish illegal immigration.

Yours ever,

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Eastern Department,  
Foreign Office,  
London, S.W.1.

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STATE OF NEW YORK )  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK ) SS:

SAMUEL DERECKTOR, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I reside at 95 Lord Kitchener Rd., New Rochelle, N.Y. I have a place of business at 500 Fifth Avenue, New York City, N.Y.

On the 20th day of May, 1947, the United States Maritime Commission by telegram, accepted my bid for the purchase of the SS Col. Frederick C. Johnson (formerly the SS DeWitt Clinton) and on the 10th day of June, 1947, a bill of sale executed by the United States Maritime Commission, as agent for the United States of America, transferring title to the SS Col. Frederick C. Johnson was delivered to me. The United States Maritime Commission offered said vessel for sale upon invitation for bids #PD-X-322. Paragraph 8 of said invitation for bids contained the following statement:

"8. Transfer of Ownership and Registry and Flag. The Commission will consent to the transfer of the vessel to foreign ownership, registry, and flag, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Shipping Act, 1916, as amended, provided the transfer is made effective within (6) six months from the date of award and provided, further, the transferee, in the determination of the Commission, is not an alien country, or a national or nationals thereof prohibited by the Government of the United States from engaging in commercial transactions with the United States, and its citizens or anyone acting on behalf or in the interest thereof. The applicant shall submit such evidence as the Commission shall deem necessary in connection with such application for transfer."

Following the purchase of this vessel, I discovered that it was not suitable for trading under the American Flag because the vessel did not comply with the provisions of the Fire Statute. In order to meet such compliance, it would be necessary to expend a huge sum of money and it became apparent

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to me that such expenditure would not be justified since the vessel could thereafter be used only in coastal trading. I thereupon decided to transfer the vessel for operation under the Panama Flag and I caused a corporation known as Brownsam Company, Inc., to be organized under the laws of the Republic of Panama. This company has been completely organized and I am the President and Director of said company. I desire to transfer the said vessel to Brownsam Company, Inc. in exchange for all of the capital stock of that company and to operate the said vessel under Panamanian Registry and Flag. I have, accordingly, submitted an application for approval for such transfer to the United States Maritime Commission, which application is now pending before that government agency.

It was my intention, upon learning that said vessel's usefulness was very limited and that it would require the expenditure of huge sums of money to place the vessel in serviceable and sea worthy condition, to negotiate for the sale of said vessel, I commenced negotiations for the sale of the said vessel to the Dutch Government through Mr. Hans Kahn, a Dutch national. Mr. Kahn presented my offer for the sale of the said vessel to the Director-General of Shipping, Netherlands Ministry of Traffic, and said offer was turned down by letter of the said Director-General to Mr. Kahn dated October 13, 1947. Thereafter, Dr. I. Kahn, father of the said Mr. Hans Kahn, started to negotiate with me directly for the purpose of making an arrangement under which the vessel would be operated in Europe. I cabled Mr. Hans Kahn offering to him and his father, Dr. I. Kahn, an equal participation in a partnership for the operation of said

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vessel. The affidavit of Mr. Hans Kahn reflecting his participation in the negotiations involving said vessel is annexed hereto and fully sets forth the facts relating to the contemplated use of said vessel.

I have been negotiating with Dr. I. Kahn and Mr. Hans Kahn for the last four weeks and have reached an agreement with them under which they will own an equal interest with me in a company which will charter the SS Col. Frederick C. Johnson from Brownsam Company, Inc., and will operate the same for our mutual benefit. I understand that the capital which the Messrs. Kahn will contribute to the operating company will be approximately 267,000 free Dutch guilders which, of course, is subject to the approval of the Government of the Kingdom of Netherlands.

Dr. Kahn has advised me that Mr. Van Riet of the Rotterdam Lloyd Line has requested him to permit it to act as agent for any vessels in which he may be interested, and that upon the consummation of this transaction, the Rotterdam Lloyd Line will be designated as agent for the operation of this vessel. It is contemplated that Mr. Hans Kahn will be Managing Director of the operating company following the completion of this transaction.

I should like to indicate that Dr. I. Kahn is a director of the N.V. Hobimy, and of the Verenigde Theaters in Holland, two very substantial business enterprises. He is very well known to Mr. J.F. Van Hengel, who is a representative of the Netherlands Ministry of Traffic, and his credentials are on file with the Dutch Embassy in Washington, D.C. His integrity and general reputation are of the highest character. Mr. Hans Kahn has had considerable experience in shipping matters.

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It is intended that, upon the completion of this transaction, this vessel will be taken to Holland where it will be refitted and repaired and then put in service for the carriage of passengers and cargo between Rotterdam, European Atlantic ports and the Mediterranean Sea. It has been suggested that the contemplated operations may involve the transportation of passengers and/or cargo which may be contrary to interests of certain foreign governments. Such insinuation is false and baseless and is contrary to the interests of Dr. Kahn, Mr. Hans Kahn and myself. As an American citizen, I have every desire and I hereby furnish personal assurance that the operations of this vessel will be conducted in the most correct and legal manner, and will not be contrary to the interest of any foreign government.

The expenditures which I have already made in this country in connection with the contemplated use of this vessel will approximate \$100,000.00 and the expenditures which will be made for the repairing of the vessel in Holland will also amount to a considerable figure. I have entered into this venture with individuals of unquestioned reputation and reliability and have made far-reaching plans for the operation of this vessel. These facts bear eloquent testimony to the undeniable point that the vessel will clearly be operated in a legitimate trade.

Sworn to before me this  
26th day of November, 1947.

SAMUEL DERECKTOR

ANDREW J. ARBUCKLE  
Notary Public in the State of New York

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STATE OF NEW YORK )  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK ) SS:

HANS KAHN, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am a citizen of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

I am the son of Dr. I. Kahn who is furnishing an affidavit in connection with the S.S. Col. Frederick C. Johnson.

I am visiting the United States at the present time in connection with negotiations for the use of the SS Col. Frederick C. Johnson as a passenger and cargo vessel in the European-Atlantic and Mediterranean trade. Mr. Samuel Derecktor requested me to communicate with my Government for the purpose of ascertaining whether my Government was interested in purchasing the SS Col. Frederick C. Johnson.

I presented Mr. Derecktor's offer to the Director-General of Shipping, Netherlands Ministry of Traffic and on October 13, 1947, I received a letter from the Director-General advising me that the Dutch Government was not interested in the purchase of said vessel. My father, Dr. I. Kahn, then commenced negotiations with Mr. Derecktor for the purpose of concluding an arrangement under which this vessel would be used in European-Atlantic and Mediterranean operations. Mr. Derecktor cabled to me offering to create a partnership with me and my father upon certain terms, the investment on our part to be approximately 267,000 free Dutch guilders, which investment was, of course, to be subject to the approval of the Royal Dutch Government. I attach a copy of Mr. Derecktor's cable to me and mark it "Exhibit 1," and a copy of my cabled reply marked "Exhibit 2". Upon the receipt of this cable, I went to the acting Director-General of Shipping, Netherlands Ministry of Traffic in Holland. Upon exhibiting this cable to him, he stated that he would make funds available for me to

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come to the United States for the purpose of negotiating the transaction with Mr. Derektor. I immediately cabled Mr. Derektor that his offer was accepted and that I would arrive in the United States on October 28th to negotiate further with him. I arrived on that date and my father and I have been negotiating with Mr. Derektor since that date.

I examined the affidavit of Mr. Samuel Derektor sworn to the 26th day of November, 1947, and confirm and adopt all of the statements contained in said affidavit which are ascribed to me and my father involving the SS Col. Frederick C. Johnson. I join in the assurance given by Mr. Derektor as to the intended use of this vessel. It is respectfully requested that the application of Mr. Derektor now pending before the United States Maritime Commission for approval to transfer the said SS Col. Frederick C. Johnson to Panama Registry and Flag, be approved.

Sworn to before me this  
26th day of November, 1947.

HANS KAHN

ANDREW J. ARBUCKLE  
Notary Public in the State of New York

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TELEGRAM

1640 NEW YORK 22/41 69/65 20 108PM CIAL

OFFER SS JOHNSON PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU TO ORGANIZE SHIPPING  
COMPANY STOP I INVEST JOYNSON PRICE 200,000 DOLLARS YOU  
WILL OWN HALF COMPANY WHEN 200,000 RETURNED TO ME FROM  
FIRST EARNINGS STOP YOU MUST INVEST THE EQUIVALENT OF  
100,000 DOLLARS IN FREE DUTCH GUILDERS FOR COMPANYS CAPITAL  
I INVEST 50,000 DOLLARS FOR NEEDS OF COMPANY STOP TO  
CONSUMMATE TRANSACTION COME IMMEDIATELY

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ACCEPT OFFER PARTNERSHIP JOHNSON SHALL  
COME PROBABLY 28TH MEANWHILE MAKING PREPARATIONS  
HERE STOP AIRMAIL PLAN SHIP LETTER FOLLOWS

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COUNTY OF NEW YORK ) SS:

Dr. I. KAHN, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am a citizen of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and I am a director of the N.V. Hobimy and the Verenigde Theaters in Holland, two very substantial business enterprises.

I am intimately familiar with Mr. J.F. Van Hengel, who is a representative of the Netherlands Ministry of Traffic, and I know that he is in a position to furnish any information with respect to my reputation, honesty, integrity and character. My credentials are also on file with the Dutch Embassy in Washington, D.C.

I have examined the affidavit of Mr. Samuel Derecktor sworn to the 26th day of November, 1947, and confirm, approve and adopt all of the statements made therein with respect to the negotiations ascribed to me and my son, Hans Kahn, involving the SS Col. Frederick C. Johnson. I join in the assurance given by Mr. Derecktor as to the intended use of this vessel.

It is earnestly requested that the application of Mr. Samuel Derecktor for approval to transfer the SS Col. Frederick C. Johnson to Brownsam Company, Inc., be approved as promptly as possible.

Sworn to before me this  
26th day of November, 1947.

(sgd) DR. I, KAHN

(sgd) ANDREW J. ARBUCKLE  
Notary Public in the State of  
New York, etc.

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